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1. The director of the Standards Office of the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen HF, Ing. Georg Theodor Mueller, has left his job at the plant. He originally intended to take a position in West Berlin, but he was unable to do so because he lives in East Berlin. Mueller now intends to work as a civil engineer in East Berlin.
2. Ing. Siupka (fnu), who until mid-1952 was chief of the Production Department for Metal Ceramic Transmitter Tubes at the HF plant, has likewise quit his job.
3. The HF plant has recently hired 1,000 new people in order to increase the production of radio tubes. The HF plant is currently working three shifts, of eight hours each per day, in the tube production departments.
4. In late September 1953, an investigating commission examined the causes for the large number of rejects at the HF plant. The investigation was undertaken on order of the East German government. Members of the commission were Stoessel (fnu), who is technical director of Funkwerk Erfurt, and John (fnu), the quality inspector (Gueterkontrollleur) at Funkwerk Erfurt.
5. The HF plant has established a device-testing office at Karlshorst.
6. The 5 D 21 impulse amplifying tube is now once again being constructed and sold by the HF plant. For some time this tube has been out of production.
7. The production of fine wire for tubes has been transferred to the Berliner Gluehlampenwerk. The molybdenum and tungsten wire now being delivered is much poorer, however, than the wire formerly produced at the HF plant.
8. Ing. Schaeffer (fnu), who succeeded Dr. Bingel (fnu) at the HF plant, has left his post.

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9. The HF plant nominated the following persons for decorations on the occasion of the anniversary of East Germany:

Director Rudi Mueller for Held der Arbeit

Ing. Wetzel (fnu) for Verdienter Techniker und Erfinder

Dr. Schiller (fnu) for Verdienter Techniker und Erfinder

None of the three received the decoration for which he was nominated. Mueller was made an Aktivist and the three engineers Dr. Ulrich (fnu), Dr. Oertel (fnu) and Springstein (fnu) were named Verdiente Erfinder.

10. It was planned to construct eleven of the planned transmitter endstages for 1- kW. This order has now been cancelled, however, and only one such endstage is to be constructed. It is to serve as a model for laboratory purposes.

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